

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
July 7, 2015
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael W. Lewis, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Alan Hanson

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the June 23, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed whether we need a Resolution regarding the volunteer wheat rule. Discussed the article in the news stating the count of prairie chickens has increased.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Mr. Phillips, Hamilton County Emergency Management Director, presented Resolution 2015-4 to adopt the Southwest Kansas Region C Mitigation Plan and a Promulgation of the Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-4 *Resolution of the Board of the Hamilton County Commissioners Adopting the Southwest Kansas (Region C) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Promulgation of the County's Emergency Operations Plan*. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, informed she spoke with Dean Williams from KDHE regarding the Landfill. KDHE is requesting the County install two to three water monitoring wells before the County can start digging the new landfill cells and to contact KDHE at least 60 days prior to digging. The Commissioners asked Ms. Mitchell to find a contractor to drill the wells and report back. Also discussed the complaint received from Calvin Hook regarding his alfalfa. Spray records show that the County's spray rig did not spray anywhere near his alfalfa, and after inspecting the area of concern, it looks like lack of water.

HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL: Patrick Geschwind, Interim Hospital CEO, and Jacob Stauffer, Hospital Staff Accountant, reported the Hospital's cash flow projection through December 31, 2016. The Hospital Board met with both local banks to request a \$400,000.00 line of credit. Mr. Geschwind presented a State Statute that gives the Hospital authority to obtain a line of credit. Mr. Geschwind also reviewed the cash flow projection with the Commissioners, which shows building up reserves to have the line of credit paid back and have approximately \$150,000.00 in the bank by December 31, 2016. The cash flow projection will be reviewed with the Hospital Board monthly. Mr. Geschwind also inquired about compensation to the local doctor who is appointed as the EMS medical director and the County Coroner. Attorney Gale informed that the 25th Judicial District has Finney County appoint a District Coroner, who then appoints Deputy Coroners and are paid through the State of Kansas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 15-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:35 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

2016 BUDGET PREPARATION: The Commissioners proceeded with the preparation of the proposed 2016 Budget.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. The new windows at the Museum are in and some of the Health Department's windows are in, but still need to install the windows and door in the entry way.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Discussed options of using rock from the airport pit or using caliche and crushed rock gravel to help fill in places where the ground up asphalt chunks are coming up on the remaining part of Road B. It was decided to go ahead and cap the road with caliche and crushed rock this fall.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock reported that the crew is taking out old culverts.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$188,321.49 and the Quarterly Appropriations in the amount of \$171,029.50. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Puckett discussed appointing Brian Bloyd as an Associate Pool Board Member so that he can assist with winterizing the Pool. Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Brian Bloyd as an associate member to the Pool Board. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed the County's noxious weed policy and the cost of mowing vs. spraying. Commissioner Puckett reported the older Ford noxious weed spray rig is in need of some costly repairs. This will be discussed further at the July 14, 2015 meeting.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Simon moved for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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